



Children's Services Advisory Board-Virtual Meeting

February 17, 2021

A meeting of the Children's Services Advisory Board of Manatee County, Florida, was held at the Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, 5th Floor Manatee Room on Wednesday February 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: (In Person) Debbie Tapp, Amy Diss, Charlie Kennedy, Jannon Pierce, Sandra Stone, Rita Smith; (Virtually) Connie Shingledecker, Hon. Scott Brownell, Xtavia Bailey, Gail Wynne, Kimberly Kutch. **Absent/Excused** Kelly Hunt, George VanBuren.

Also Present: County Staff: (In Person), Susan Ford, Kristi Hagen, Lawanda Timmons, Chris Handy-Honeycutt, Johanna Beville; Members of the Public: (In Person) Hal Williams, George Schrier, Kelly Stasurak, Alexdrena Green, Char Young, Kristina Tincher, Laurel Lynch; (Virtually) Katrina Bellemare, Evelyn Almodovar, Mary Ann Legler.

Call to Order/Welcome

Debbie Tapp, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Minutes for January 20, 2021 as amended, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Connie Shingledecker, **Seconded by** Charlie Kennedy, **Vote:** Motion passed (**Summary:** Yes = 9, No = 0, Abstain = 0). Members present: (In Person) Debbie Tapp, Amy Diss, Jannon Pierce, Charlie Kennedy, Rita Smith, Sandra Stone: (Virtually) Kimberly Kutch, Hon. Scott Brownell, Connie Shingledecker.

Xtavia Bailey and Gail Wynne entered at approximately 3:13 p.m.

School Suspensions Update

George Schrier, a staff member from the Manatee County School District, provided data and information focused on school suspensions for elementary students, and reviewed the School District's 3-year plan to minimize suspension noting short and long-term goals. Social Issues are the top reason for suspensions and information was provided on focused initiatives that the school board has utilized regarding Social Emotional Learning. Goals for suspensions percentage rates for next year and into 2024 reviewed. The school board will also be working to restructure their tiers of support to focus on behavior and attendance. Information on grant sources and programs such as ATOSS, Trauma-Informed Care, and Social-Emotional Learning that support school board efforts was also provided, as well as goals of the school board partnerships with Early Learning Coalition and Safe Place2B. He responded to CSAB member questions. CSAB members were directed to submit any additional questions to Susan Ford to be forwarded to the presenter. The responses will be provided at the March 17, 2021 meeting.

Children's Services Annual Program Review Report

In follow-up to a request from members for staff input on programs from information gathered through site visits and other interactions with the funded agencies, a list of possible topics was provided for the purpose of developing a report form. An open discussion ensued between the CSAB Members on the

purpose and content of the report. It was determined that County staff will complete the report to provide CSAB members with information regarding County staff interaction with funded programs to confirm that the program is being implemented as directed. Recommendations for minor changes were provided. Staff will develop the form based on direction given by the members.

Funding Application Update

An open discussion ensued between the CSAB Members on the application scoring guidance and purpose of questions 13 through 31. Clarification on guidance and purpose was provided by Hal Williams, Results First consultant. Recommendations for minor edits to rater guidance in questions 21 and 22 were provided to staff.

CSAB members reviewed and discussed the Staff Annual Program Review Report to ensure the information being provided is helpful. Minor edits were suggested. The final version will be utilized by staff who will complete the report forms and provide to CSAB members for review and consideration along with the application when scoring each program.

Staff Updates

Susan Ford provided the following updates:

- Recognition to Children's Services Advisory Board for their efforts from the US Census.
- Announcement of her retirement from Manatee County Government effective March 31, 2021. Kristi Hagen will be the interim until the position is filled.

New/Old Business

None

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

March 17, 2021 – 3:00 pm, Manatee County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, Manatee/Osprey Rooms, 5th floor.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Approved

Debbie Tapp, Chair

Date